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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named in ventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled STENT WITH RING ARCHITECTURE AND AXIALLY DISPLACED CONNECTOR SEGMENTS, the specification of which was filed on March 30, 2004 as Application Serial No. 10/814,610.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

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